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Inventor(s)/Applicant Identifier: HENNING R. ANDERSON, JOHN M. HASENKAM and LARS L. KNUDSEN

For: A VALVE PROSTHESIS FOR IMPLANTATION IN THE BODY AND A CATHETER FOR IMPLANTING SUCH VALVE PROSTHESIS

This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

09/026,574, filed 2/20/98; 08/955,228, filed 10/1/97; 08/801,035, filed 2/19/97; 08/569,314, filed 12/08/95; 08/352,127, filed 12/1/94; 08/261,235, filed 6/14/94

the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Enclosed are:

14 page(s) of specification  
 2 page(s) of claims  
 1 page of Abstract  
 4 sheet(s) of formal drawing(s).

The application is assigned of record to HEARTPORT, INC.

A copy of the signed Declaration & Power of Attorney from the prior application.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.

Incorporation By Reference: the entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the Oath or Declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

A preliminary amendment.

A copy of the notification of change of correspondence address filed in prior application.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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